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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...do you think that there would be any objection to anybody in this society if milk were sold with a minute particle of arsenic in each container of milk, a minute amount?

SENATOR PIRSCH: Would that be allowed?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think anybody would object to it?

SENATOR PIRSCH: Oh, I'm sure they would. I know, in our water, we do put fluoride which has to be used in the minute amounts.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, arsenic is one of those substances which will, to use Senator Elmer's terms, there will be a residual,

SENATOR PIRSCH: Accumulate.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, why do you think they would not allow arsenic in milk if the tiny amount in each container would not be a lethal dose?

SENATOR PIRSCH: Actually, I'm not an expert on this subject. I know that your tolerance grows to arsenic. I read that once, but I am not an expert on this subject.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you.

SENATOR PIRSCH: But I would not want arsenic in my children's milk.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: There was a king who thought that he was going to be poisoned and he was going to take a little bit of arsenic to build up this resistance but the residue stayed in his tissues and he reached a lethal dose and wound up killing himself in the way that he was trying to avoid being killed. That's just one of those myths, but anyway it makes the point.